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ANNUAL SESSION PROCEEDINGS

Excellent Attendance and Programs.—This year's annual session-California Medical Association's seventy-first-held at Del Monte, May 3-6, continues to receive much favorable comment. The attendance was considerably larger than had been anticipated, the total registration being in excess of 1600 (C. M. A. Members, 1159; Guests, 143; Woman's Auxiliary Members, 263; and Technical Exhibitors, 93). The new Convention Pavilion, erected by the Hotel Del Monte from plans submitted by the C. M. A. Committee on Scientific Work, made it possible to do away with the congestion so apparent in the smaller meeting rooms of past years, thus permitting the section groups and the House of Delegates to carry on their work in quiet and comfort, while also providing, for the first time, ample lounge and lobby facilities.

Coöperation of Colleagues in Military Service.—The Association is indebted to colleagues attached to the medical departments of the Army and Navy, and to the military authorities at Camp Ord in Monterey County, for cordial cooperation in promoting exhibit, scientific and entertainment features. The display of the First Medical Regiment of the United States Army, presented through the courtesy of Colonel Harry H. Towler, attracted many visitors, who were able to carry away clearer concepts on how well the medical corps of the Army safeguards the health of soldiers. Colonel Roger Macon of the Seventh United States Infantry permitted the regimental band to appear on Monday noon and give a military concert, concluding with the national anthem and a salute to the Flag.

Sunday Meeting and General Sessions .-

Four general meetings were held, military medicine and surgery being the dominating themes in the addresses. The desirability of the arrangement inaugurated during the last two years, in which the affiliated activities and organizations carry through their programs on Sunday, was evidenced by the large attendance and interested audiences, whose presence also made it possible (Continued on Page 281)

[†] Editorials on subjects of scientific and editorial interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.

to start the Monday morning general meeting in more enthusiastic spirit. Since many physicians do not hold office hours on Saturday afternoon or on Sunday, it was possible for them to arrange their travel schedules accordingly and avail themselves of the extra day at Del Monte. Because of existing conditions, the Council has authorized the Committee on Scientific Program to proceed along similar lines for next year, the convention to be a four-day session, Sunday to Wednesday inclusive.

Mention must be made of the entertainment given at the Dinner to the President of the Association, on which occasion a most enjoyable program was presented. This new feature also received much praise.

Proceedings of the House of Delegates.—Coming now to the proceedings of the House of Delegates, it is gratifying, in spite of the seriousness and delicacy of some of the matters under consideration—concerning which widely divergent opinions were held—to be able to state that members of opposing groups kept themselves well in hand, without outbursts of personal feeling, and that the action, as a whole, taken by the House bids fair to bring about a proper solution of difficulties which have arisen in connection with medical service.

No contests took place in the election of officers, all officers whose terms had expired being elected by acclamation.

President William R. Molony, Sr., and President-Elect Karl L. Schaupp.—The office of honor, that of President-Elect, fell this year to Karl L. Schaupp, M. D., of San Francisco, whose long service for organized and scientific medicine is well known to most members of the Association. Elsewhere, biographical comment will be found concerning Doctor Schaupp, and also Doctor Wm. R. Molony, Sr., of Los Angeles, who took over the presidential responsibilities on Wednesday evening, May 6th, when Doctor Henry S. Rogers of Sonoma County, retiring President, made his farewell talk.

Council Chairman Philip K. Gilman.—Del Monte in 1943.—At its organization meeting on Thursday morning, May 7th, the Council reëlected, as its chairman, Dr. Philip K. Gilman, of San Francisco. The Council also voted that next year's annual session shall be held at Hotel Del Monte, the date to be decided later.

The minutes of the House of Delegates and other official proceedings will appear in the June issue. Additional information, concerning this year's session, is given in this number, on page 301.

SERVICE BACKGROUNDS OF OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Remarks of Retiring President Henry S. Rogers.—At the concluding meeting of the House of Delegates in Del Monte, Retiring President Henry S. Rogers gave the members what he called a heart-to-heart talk, mentioning in particular a seeming habit of thought with some physicians, that colleagues who maintain active interest and work in and for organized medicine, are "doctor-politicians." Referring to his own years of intimate contact with officers and workers in the California Medical Association, Doctor Rogers said:

"I have had the privilege of working as an officer of the California Medical Association for better than 18 years, and in that time I have never worked with a finer, or more broadminded group of men than the colleagues whom you have elected as Councilors. Take your present Council, for example. Its membership consists of five general practitioners, four oto-opthalmologists, three surgeons, two internists, two pediatricians, one radiologist, one industrial surgeon, and two obstetricians. Seven of these men are clinical teachers in medical schools of California. They are all in active practice, living and working among you, and they are all highly respected in the communities in which they practice. You selected them, knowing that they are good men, and knowing that they will work hard for the advancement of medicine. I would like to ask the members of this House of Delegates to go back to their county societies and point out how erroneous are the statements that Association officers are politicians."

Applicability of Doctor Rogers' Comments to Newly-Elected Officers.—The above remarks, by Retiring President Rogers—who, in his years of official responsibility never allowed his personal and professional interests to interfere with work that had to be done for organized and scientific medicine in California—may be read in connection with brief biographical sketches of President William R. Molony, Sr. and President-Elect Karl L. Schaupp which follow, since their own, and the careers of former and present officers of the California Medical Association, but emphasize what President Rogers had in mind.

President William R. Molony, Sr.—William Richard Molony was born in Los Angeles, May 1, 1879, and, as his name indicates, is of Irish descent. He attended the Los Angeles High School, and secured his medical education in the Medical Department of the University of Denver, and the College of Medicine of the University of Southern California, from which latter institution in 1901 he received the M. D. degree. Doctor Molony served as resident physician at the Idyllwild Sanitarium in 1901, and in 1902 became the